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(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO
INDIVIDUALS TO PURSUE POST SECONDARY SCHOOL
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 10a-29 of the general statutes is amended by
4 adding subdivision (9) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

5 (NEW) (9) A person, other than a nonimmigrant alien as described
6 in 8 USC 1101(a)(15), shall be entitled to classification as an in-state
7 student for tuition purposes, (A) if such person (i) resides in this state,
8 (ii) attended any educational institution in this state and completed at
9 least four years of high school level education in this state, (iii)
10 graduated from a high school in this state, or the equivalent thereof,
11 (iv) is registered as an entering student, or is enrolled at a public

12 institution of higher education in this state, and (v) has demonstrated
 13 proficiency in the official language of the state, and (B) if such person
 14 is without legal immigration status, such person files an affidavit with
 15 the institution of higher education stating that he or she has filed an
 16 application to legalize his or her immigration status, or will file such an
 17 application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

18 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The official language of the
 19 state shall be English. Neither the state nor any political subdivision of
 20 the state shall require by ordinance, regulation, order, program or
 21 policy the use in the state of any language other than English.
 22 Governmental officials and employees shall be bound by the
 23 provisions of this section during the performance of government
 24 business. No governmental document shall be valid, effective or
 25 enforceable unless it is printed in the English language. The state and
 26 all political subdivisions of the state shall take all reasonable steps to
 27 preserve, protect and enhance the role of the English language as the
 28 official language of the state.

29 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section,
 30 the state and political subdivisions of the state may act in a language
 31 other than English to (1) assist students who are not proficient in the
 32 English language by providing educational instruction in languages
 33 other than English to provide as rapid as possible a transition to
 34 English, (2) provide foreign language instruction as part of a required
 35 or voluntary education curriculum, (3) allow for Latin on the state seal
 36 and on government documents, (4) allow legislators to communicate
 37 with constituents in languages other than English, (5) comply with
 38 federal laws, (6) protect public health and safety, and (7) protect the
 39 rights of criminal defendants or victims of crime. Nothing in this
 40 subsection shall prohibit the printing of proper names."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	10a-29

Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
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